

Social Studies Update

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Questions?

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2016 Best Practices In Social Studies Institute

Registration is now open for the 2016 Best Practices in Social Studies Institute. Go [here](#) to register. **Registration will close May 10th.**

The institute will take place June 20-21 at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines. It is open to ANY pre-service or K-12 social studies teacher and entirely FREE to attend. License renewal credit will be also be available once you arrive at the institute.

Some highlights of what to expect:

- Time will be devoted to discuss the process for writing the draft of new social studies standards.
- Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to attend our statewide elementary social studies professional development.

- In addition, there will be sessions targeted towards history content, a Supreme Court update, geography, psychology, technology, Native American history, Iowa history and much more.

You can see the draft of our at-a-glance schedule [here](#). You can also check out a flyer about the institute [here](#).

Update on Social Studies Standards Writing Process

A team has been put together to formally rewrite the Iowa Core in Social Studies. This team, comprised of 34 Iowa educators has met three times and will meet through June in order to write a draft of proposed standards. This is the approximate timeline of the process:

- **Winter 2015:** Iowa Department of Education issues call for people to apply to be on Social Studies Standards Writing Team.

- **Winter-Summer 2016:** Social Studies Standards Writing Team meets and begins process of writing standards.
- **Summer-Fall 2016:** Draft of new standards is released
- **Fall 2016:** Social Studies Review Team is established to review proposed standards. In addition, public feedback is sought via open forums and surveys regarding proposed standards.

- **Spring 2017:** Standards brought before State Board of Education for possible adoption.

For a more detailed overview go [here](#). You can also see meeting agendas and notes by going to <https://www.educateiowa.gov/social-studies-standards-writing-team>.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Social Studies News

Iowa Department of Education Launches New Iowa Core Blog

Jane Schmidt, 2014 Iowa Teacher of the Year, has launched a new blog on the Iowa Core website. Jane will blog bi-monthly about how her district is implementing the Iowa Core. Check it out and sign up to receive blog updates [here](#).



Help Ford's Theatre Transcribe Historic Documents

Ford's Theatre has several documents in their collection that are not transcribed and need your help. Ford's Theatre wants to pilot this work with students. If you are interested in having your students help out with this go [here](#).

Primary Sources for the Classroom

Check out [this](#) recent blog from the Library of Congress regarding how to best select primary sources for a social studies classroom and [this one](#) on supporting student research skills.

Why Do Social Studies Educators Use Twitter?



Why do educators, specifically social studies educators, so frequently use Twitter? Check out [this article](#) from Dan Krutka, one of the co-moderators of #sschat, as he explores this phenomenon.

The State Historical Society of Iowa Needs Your Input

The State Historical Society of Iowa wants your input. They want to know how you engage with the overall State Historical Society, its resources and the collection. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey [here](#).

State Historical Museum Launches New Website

The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, which encompasses the State Historical Museum, has launched a new website. Check it out at www.iowaculture.gov.

Grout Museum Exhibit Shows Iowa's Ties to the Holocaust

Iowa's Ties to the Holocaust shares accounts recorded from those who witnessed or experienced the atrocities and explores how Iowans reacted to the horror of genocide. Recollections of GI's present at the liberation of concentration camps focus on their anguish at the horror they saw. Survivors reflect on Nazi atrocities and how they found a new start in Iowa. The exhibit will run from March 29-May 28 at the Grout Museum in Waterloo. A separate exhibit, called Anne Frank: A History for Today, will be available April 5-June 4 at the Grout Museum. For more information go [here](#).



*"For the dead
and the living, we
must bear
witness."*

-Elie Wiesel

Social Studies Resources

Electoral Dysfunction Video

Electoral Dysfunction, an award-winning PBS documentary, is now available for free online. Check out the online version and a free curriculum guide [here](#).

Stossel in the Classroom

Stossel in the Classroom has launched a new classroom. On the website you can also check out the new 2016 Stossel in the Classroom DVD for FREE. Check it out [here](#).

New Psychology Blog from the American Psychological Association

Are you a psychology teacher? If so, check out the new psychology blog from the APA called the Psych Learning Curve. You can view the blog [here](#). In addition, check out the APA's new education Twitter account at [@APAEducation](#).

Travel with the Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO)

GEEO focuses specifically on teacher travel and allows teachers to earn professional development credits while traveling the world. The trips are generally 7 to 21 days in length. They are offering several trips for 2016. Check it out at www.geeo.org.

Perspectives for a Diverse America

Teaching Tolerance has a fantastic tool that contains three components: an anti-bias framework, rich text anthology, and a literacy based integrated learning plan. This tool is entirely free of charge. Check it out at <http://perspectives.tolerance.org>.

AP US History Study Guide

Do you teach AP US History? If so, check out Gilder Lehrman's AP US History guide. It contains videos for each of the College Board's nine historical periods, study advice, featured primary sources, essays by renowned historians, and more. Check it out at <http://ap.gilderlehrman.org>.

US Department of State Office of the Historian

The Office of the Historian within the US Department of State has a number of resources around the history of U.S. foreign policy. Check it out [here](#).

Teaching about Asia?

NCTA has a wealth of resources and professional development opportunities available around the teaching of Asia. Check out their website at www.nctasia.org. In addition, the East Asia Resource Center has a wealth of resources [here](#).

American Bar Association Supreme Court Preview

The American Bar Association website has a vast amount of resources around the Supreme Court. You can view the court calendar, a repository of past term briefs and learn more about the court. Check it out [here](#). You can also check out more information about how to celebrate Law Day on May 1st [here](#).

Zoom In

Check out this (relatively new) tool called Zoom In. Zoom In is an online tool that engages students in the practices of historians and asks them to think critically about pivotal moments in US history. Check it out [here](#).

12 World Class Museums You Can Visit Online

Can't take students to the Louve or the National Women's History Museum? Several museums are bringing their museum to you. Check it out [here](#).

Law Day 2016

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Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

Teach and Learn Psychology for FREE

If you are a psychology teacher, check out [this](#) free resource. You can access textbook modules from the NOBA collection or get low-cost print versions for free.

Questioning Strategies

Looking for questioning strategies? Check out [this](#) packet that includes several strategies related to different questioning strategies and techniques.



Teaching the Bill of Rights

Want to know the story of the Bill of Rights? Check out [Rights Matter: The Story of the Bill of Rights](#). It includes the story and extensive curriculum material.

Political Ad Archives

Want to teach about the media and its influence on politics? Check out the Political TV Ad [Archive](#) and [Living Room Candidate](#). Both offer an archive of political ads and other resources.

Iowa International Center Resources

The Iowa International Center offers several programs as part of its Dialogue Series. These programs are often offered over the lunch hour when teachers might find it difficult to attend. However, the center has recorded the programs and they are available on YouTube. Check them out [here](#).

Teach Financial Literacy?

Check out several resources related to the teaching of financial literacy:

- [Tax Practice Packet](#)
- [Money Smart Week](#)
- Iowa Jump\$tart Annual Conference: This is a FREE conference for Iowa educators. Save the date for June 22, 2016 at the FFA Center. More information is available [here](#).

Election 2016

There are several resources out there related to teaching the 2016 election. Some highlights:

- [Pro/Con 2016 Presidential Candidate Positions](#)
- [Edutopia](#)
- [C-SPAN](#)

Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation

All 4th grade classrooms in the state should be receiving Iowa Ag Today through the mail, however, if you want to see the digital version check it out [here](#). This issue has a lot of social studies connections. In addition, the Foundation has recently published a book in the My Family's Farm series. Copies of the book are available on [request](#). See more from the Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation on their website at www.iowaagliteracy.org.



Literacy Design Collaborative

The Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) offers an extensive amount of social studies specific resources. Check them out [here](#).

Interactive Map

Check out [this](#) interactive map that helps you track how 19th and 20th century American newspapers covered any topic.

Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

Crash Course Videos

Looking for quick and succinct videos around key topics in social studies? There are videos for US and World History. Check out these Crash Course videos from PBS Learning Media [here](#).

Perspecs

Is there really just two sides to every story? Perspecs is a new app that curates news stories from around the world and gives three different perspectives to each story. Check it out [here](#).

Cloudschool

Cloudschool is a free service for creating and publishing multimedia lessons. In your free Cloudschool account you can create courses of study for your students. Within each course you can create and distribute multimedia lessons arranged in a variety of formats. You can create lessons that are purely text-based or you can create lessons that incorporate images, audio files, and videos. Check it out at <https://www.cloudschool.org/>.

Library of Congress Releases Latest Issue of Teaching with Primary Sources Journal

Each quarter the Library of Congress publishes a short journal on best practices around teaching with primary sources. See the latest issue or sign up for future issues [here](#).

Celebrating Women's History Month

Check out this sampling of resources related to celebrating Women's History Month:

- [Center for Civic Education Women's History Month Resources](#)
- [Library of Congress Women's History Month Resources](#)
- Echoes and Reflections: Women in the Holocaust
 - [Ellen Brandt](#)
 - [Mira Shelub](#)
- [PBS Learning Media: Women in the 19th Century](#)
- [Women's History Month Video Contest](#) (Vote for your favorite video by March 25th.)
- [National Women's History Project](#)
- [Women in Iowa: 2016](#)
- [Iowa Civil Rights Toolkit](#)
- [Iowa Women's Hall of Fame](#)
- [Iowa Women's History Quiz](#)
- [Civics Renewal Network](#)
- [Women's History Month](#)
- [Time for Kids Women's History Month](#)

Do you know these famous Iowa women?



Ola Babcock Miller



Edna Griffin



Arabella Mansfield



Carrie Chapman
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Professional Development Opportunities

Summer Institute: Teaching the Humanities through Art

The Smithsonian American Art Museum is offering two summer institutes this summer around how to teach the humanities through art. The institute is open to 6-12 grade teachers. Priority is given to social studies and English teachers. Check out more information [here](#).

Anne Frank: A History for Today Exhibit and Teacher Workshop

The Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education at the University of Northern Iowa is sponsoring a teacher workshop entitled Anne Frank: A History for Today. This workshop is in response to an exhibit at the Grout Museum of History and Science in Waterloo on Anne Frank. The workshop takes place on April 6th. The exhibit is in place from April 5 through June 4. For more information, go [here](#).

Medal of Honor Summer Workshops

The Medal of Honor Foundation is sponsoring a series of professional development opportunities this summer and many of them are free to attend and offer graduate credit. Go [here](#) for more information.

Lifeguard Teacher Fellowship Program

The National Library for the Study of George Washington is inviting educators from across the country to apply for a one to three week funded research fellowship. Fellows are awarded on-site housing, \$1,000 per week in residence, and round-trip transportation to and from Mount Vernon. For more information go to <http://mountvernon.org/teacherfellowship>.

Economics Across the Curriculum

Economics Across the Curriculum is a multi-day summer program for high school teachers presented by the American Institute for Economic Research. Works are being held at the Federal Reserve Banks of Boston, Chicago, and Philadelphia. Participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging. For more information go to www.aier.org/teach-teachers.

Online Course on World Religions

Harvard is offering a series of FREE online courses on world religions. Check it out and register [here](#).

National Humanities Center


The National Humanities Center is offering a series of free webinars for history teachers, conducted by leading scholars. Webinars include topics such as the Cold War and religious intolerance. Go [here](#) to register. Use promo code ITEACH for free registration. You can also check out all past webinars [here](#).

White House Historical Association Institute

The White House Historical Association, in conjunction with the Hoover Library and several other organizations are sponsoring a four-day (July 25-28) teacher institute that will evaluate the history of the White House and its occupants. The institute costs \$100 to attend if accepted, but two Iowa teachers will receive a \$1000 travel scholarship from the Hoover Foundation to attend. Applications will be accepted through April 30, 2016. Apply [here](#).

Bridging Cultures Program

The Bridging Cultures program, an initiative of the Illinois-Northwestern African Studies Consortium is offering a week long (July 11-16) program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Go [here](#) for more information.



*“A people without
the knowledge of
their past history,
origin and culture
is like a tree
without roots.”*
-Marcus Garvey

Professional Development Opportunities (*continued*)

Designing for Deeper Learning: How to Develop Performance Tasks

Want to know more about developing performance tasks? Check out this FREE MOOC (massive open online course) about designing quality performance tasks. The course starts April 11th. Go [here](#) for more information or to register.

Art 21

ART21 Educators is a year-long professional development program designed to support K-12 educators in any subject area who are interested in bringing contemporary art, artists and themes into classroom learning and teaching. [ART21](#) won a Peabody Award for their PBS-broadcast television series, ART21 Art in the Twenty-First Century, available for [FREE online](#). ART21 Education Programs engage audiences in dialogue about contemporary art and the artists featured in ART21 films. Please visit our website to learn about the variety of ways ART21 resources can be used to enhance [Social Studies curriculum](#). You can find more information about their professional development program by going [here](#).

Nine Instructional Moves for Teaching with Text by Dave Stuart

Teaching with text is vital for an effective social studies classroom. Dave Stuart recently blogged about the nine instructional moves for teaching with text. He created this graphic to demonstrate these instructional moves (see right). His nine moves are:

Before reading, we can do some or all of the following:

- ⇒ **Hook** them into the reading,
- ⇒ Introduce any **vocabulary** that might get in their way, 10 words or less,
- ⇒ And/or set the **purpose** for their reading -- explain how what they'll be doing *after* they read ought to inform *how* they'll read.

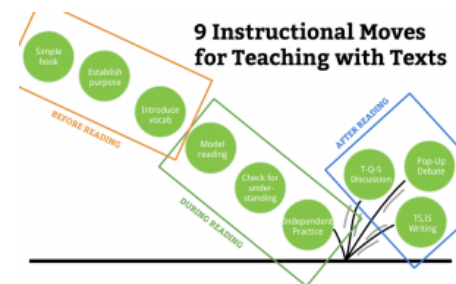
During reading, we can do some or all of the following:

- ⇒ **Model** reading -- e.g., demonstrating how to purposefully annotate, or reading/thinking aloud the first paragraph;
- ⇒ **Check** for understanding;
- ⇒ And/or allow for **independent practice**. Our goal for this last piece is that we've done *just enough* with the preceding moves to enable each student to effectively grapple with the text.

After reading, we need to teach our kids how to do one or more of the following, in light of the text:

- ⇒ **Discuss** (I like using Think-Quad-Share, a variation of [Think-Pair-Share](#); Jennifer Gonzalez of [Cult of Pedagogy](#) likes to use strategies such as Gallery Walk and Concentric Circles);
- ⇒ **Debate** (I obviously like [Pop-Up Debate](#));
- ⇒ And/or **write** (I like Graff and Birkenstein's They Say, I Say templates; the [two-paragraph version](#) is ideal for texts that make claims).

Check out his blog at <http://www.davestuartjr.com>.



Concept inspired by Mike Schmoker's "authentic, redundant literacy" template from Focus (2011); Image concept created with Erica Beaton (erica@beatson.com).

History Alive! At the State Historical Museum (April 7 & 8, 2016)

Immigration is a popular topic in today's society and has been passionately discussed throughout history. But how do you and your students feel about the immigration or systematic movement of poor, homeless children from the East Coast to the Midwest? This is exactly what happened from 1854-1929 with the Orphan Train movement.

The State Historical Museum is excited to explore Iowa's role in the Orphan Train movement through the History Alive program. There are many exciting workshop sessions, including:

- Pippa White will present her one-woman show highlighting true stories of Orphan Train riders.
- Students will also learn from an author, Clark Kidder, whose grandmother traveled on the Orphan Trains and started a new life in Iowa.
- Jonathan Strum, Professor of Music at ISU, will address the music of this time period and how it sheds light on the hardships for families.
- Students will see and talk about clothing, shoes, and suitcases that children wore and used during this time period.
- Using photos and newspaper advertisements students will use their visual thinking skills to disseminate the meaning of the visual objects.

This program is aimed at upper elementary (3rd-5th grades) and middle school. The cost is \$5 per student and one teacher is free with every 10 students. Space is limited, so register early! Email jennifer.cooley@iowa.gov to register. This program meets the following Social Studies Standards for elementary and middle school students: SS.BS.1-4, SS.E.1, SS.G.2-3, SS.H.1, 3-6, 8, SS.PSCL. 1



Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute

The World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute is inviting students from every high school in Iowa to participate in its day-long program at Iowa State University on April 25. The experience unique aims to inspire the next generation of leaders and offers students an unparalleled opportunity to explore academic and career paths in fields related to STEM, food, agriculture and global development, and aims to inspire the next generation of leaders. To participate, students select a challenge facing a particular country, and write a three- to five-page paper explaining the issue and outlining potential solutions. All participants earn a \$500 scholarship to Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. For more information go to www.worldfoodprize.org/iowayouth, or email Jacob Hunter at jhunter@worldfoodprize.org.

Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize

The Abdelkader Project, based out of Elkader, Iowa, is sponsoring an essay contest and asking students to explore models of ethical leadership, moral courage and humanitarian conduct. Essays are due April 15, 2016. For more information, go [here](#).

Money Smart Kid Essay Contest

Iowa students have until March 25th to enter the Money Smart Kid essay contest and compete for a chance to win \$1,000 to help boost their college savings. The contest is open to 7th-11th graders. Check out more details [here](#).

National Economics and Finance Challenge

The National Economics Challenge is the nation's most prestigious high school economics competition with over 10,000 students from across the US participating. Find out more information and register [here](#). If you are interested in participating in the finance challenge, go [here](#).

Apply to be the 2016-2017 Library of Congress Teacher in Residence

The Library of Congress is looking for an early elementary teacher-in-residence for the 2016-2017 school year. Check it out [here](#).